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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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The references submitted are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed. Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the reference was considered. Also enclosed is a copy of the PCT International Search Report dated 18 March 1999 (conducted by the ISA/EP) in corresponding International Application No. PCT/US 98/22020, in which the above references were cited.

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Also enclosed are:

Form PTO-1449, in duplicate

Four (4) cited references as listed on Form PTO-1449

PCT International Search Report - PCT/US98/22020

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